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I would like to express my opinion regarding the nearshore fishery. I am a former nearshore commercial fisherman. I am in support of keeping the local reefs open. My current observations of the recreational fishery have lead me to my own initiative. Since the size restrictions have been implemented there ia a large number of juvenile fish being discarded due to the air bladder release. These fish ultimatley become seagull food. I propose lowering the recreational size limit to allow harvest of juvenile fish for the recreational fishery which will decrease the recreational access to a minimum. Bag limits should remain the same and once the bag limit is met the fisherman must stop fishing for the day. For the small commercial fleet I propose the size limit remain the same because the fisherman will not continually overfish the local access reef due to profit margins. The commercial fisherman will travel to an area where mature fish can be found creating less impact on the locally accesible fishing grounds. Also the commercial fishing fleet has the means of keeping a juvenile fish alive by bleeding the air bladder prior to release. if any of you would like to join my initiative my address is 2628 Yuba St El Cerrito CA 94530. 510 367 1345